

THE THORNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.



Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for 1942.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my Annual Report for 1942. The Registrar General's figures have not yet been received so no vital statistics are given.

The Report is satisfactory from the health standpoint.

As this is my last Report, I take this opportunity of thanking members of the Council for their consideration they have always shown. My thanks are also due to the Clerk and other Members of the staff for their kind co-operation.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant,
J. F. DAWSON,
Medical Officer of Health.

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Medical Officer of Health.

J.F.Dawson, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector.

T.A.C.March, M.S.I.A., Cert.R.S.

Laboratory Facilities.

Ambulance Facilities.

Nursing in the Home.

Hospitals.

Clinics.

Air Raid Precautions.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Remarks passed under these headings in my last Annual Report still apply.

Water Supply. The Water supply has proved satisfactory during the year.

Housing. Although no complaints have been brought to my notice with regard to housing conditions I consider the time is now ripe to review the housing conditions in the district and make improvements where needed.

Infectious Disease. From Table "A" it will be seen that the District has been very fortunate with regard to freedom from infectious diseases.

Diphtheria Immunisation. The response to the campaign is encouraging. 72% of the school children have been immunised. 32.5% of the children between the ages of 1 and 5 years have also been treated. The latter figure is low and every effort should be made to encourage parents who have not yet agreed to have their children immunised. In a Rural District the cause for this low figure may be due to difficulties of transport. I suggest that local practitioners be asked to carry out treatment at their surgeries and the homes of parents. A scale of fees has been suggested by the British Medical Association.

"A".
For the Rural District of Thorney.

DISEASE.	No. of Cases.	AGE GROUPS.											DEATHS.
		Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 3.	3 to 4.	4 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 35.	35 to 45.	45 to 65 & Over.	
Scarlet Fever.	1.								1.				
Diphtheria.													
Pneumonia.	1.									1.			
Puerperal Fever.													
Erysipelas.													
Cerebrospinal Fever.													
Enteric Fever.													
Acute Poliomyelitis.													
Chicken Pox.													
Whooping Cough.													
Measles.	3.				1.		2.						